



## APRIL 2023 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Wheelchair accessible. Please follow all current COVID guidelines; visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/covid) for more guidance. For more information call (413) 863-3221.

### VISITOR CENTER

#### OPEN 6 days a week:

- Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays—Sundays, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
- Open Monday, April 17, 10 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Explore the natural, cultural and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed with our dynamic exhibit dioramas. Adjacent to the Canalside Rail Trail, the center also includes the Great Hall exhibit gallery, restrooms, and drinking water. Wheelchair accessible. Located at 2 Avenue A in Turners Falls.

ONGOING,  
MARCH 25—  
APRIL 26

### GREAT HALL EXHIBIT— LIFE IS \_\_\_\_\_ : AN EXPLORATION OF BEING THROUGH THE EYES OF LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE

Created and curated by local Brick House youth, this exhibit, through a variety of mediums, explores their perspectives and experiences living in modern-day rural America. In the Great Hall. Inspired by *Crossroads: Change in Rural America*, a Smithsonian Museum on Mainstreet exhibit that was here in February and March 2023, from Mass Humanities.

FRIDAYS,  
APRIL 7, 14,  
21 & 28

### KIDLEIDOSCOPE STORY HOUR

4/7: Frogs; 4/14: Chipmunks; 4/21: Beavers;  
4/28: Trees, 10:30—11:30 a.m., Great Hall

For ages 3-6, accompanied by an adult. Learn more about our wildlife neighbors who share our home. Program includes a story, activities, and a craft. Activities are indoors and outdoors, weather permitting. Siblings and friends welcome.

FRIDAYS,  
APRIL 7, 14,  
21 & 28

### NICE & EASY WALKS

1:00—2:00 p.m., Main Entrance

An easy-paced, 1 to 2-mile guided walk, along the Canalside Rail Trail or downtown Turners Falls, geared for seniors, but open to all ages. Join others seeking fresh air and exercise. A DCR Park Interpreter highlights natural and local history along the way. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather and sturdy boots.

FRIDAY,  
APRIL 14

### GREAT FALLS COFFEEHOUSE PRESENTS: ALIVE & PICKIN', 7:00—9:00 p.m., Great Hall

The Coffeehouse is back! Join us spring, summer, and fall for the Friends of the Great Falls Discovery Center's concert series featuring local talent. Alive & Pickin' plays an eclectic mix of country, bluegrass, blues, and Americana. Refreshments available. Sliding scale suggested donations, all in support of educational programming at the Center.

## MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE

**Great Falls Discovery Center**, Connecticut River Greenway State Park  
2 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376, (413) 863-3221, [greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org](https://greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org)

coming events



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### PROGRAMS CONTINUED

ONGOING,  
APRIL 14-30

#### STORY WALK—*WE PLANTED A TREE*

Enjoy a story, fresh air and exercise! Join us on the grounds of the center for a free self-guided StoryWalk® featuring the children's picture book *We Planted a Tree* by Diane Muldrow, for readers ages 3-7 and everyone who celebrates trees. Follow the path to book pages posted along the route. Happy Arbor Day, Friday, April 28th!

\*The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Story Walk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.

SATURDAY,  
APRIL 15

#### ART NATURALLY SERIES

10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Great Hall

Discover nature through story, poetry, and art in our series of FREE Art Naturally programs. Using words and images, instruction and techniques you create an art piece inspired by the natural world to take home. For adults, teens, and children ages 6 and up (accompanied by an adult). All materials are free.

APRIL 15—23

#### EARTH WEEK INVESTIGATION STATION: TREES

Join us at the welcome desk during school vacation week in activities to inspire taking care of where we live, with a special focus on trees, including scavenger hunts.

SUNDAY,  
APRIL 16

#### LET'S HAVE A BALL! JOIN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> JURASSIC MUD BALL FESTIVAL IN 200 MILLION YEARS.

2:00—4:00 p.m., Great Hall and Unity Park

Celebrate mud season with an exploration of rare Jurassic-age rocks found only in Turners Falls- armored mud balls! Family friendly activities for all ages. How were they formed millions of years ago? How they were discovered by geologist Richard Little? Make your own armored mud ball to take home, with help from local geologist Steve Winters and DCR staff. Enjoy a tasty, armored mud ball treat. Weather permitting, hunt for Jurassic armored mud balls on an easy walk to nearby Unity Park.

SATURDAY,  
APRIL 22

#### PARK SERVE DAY:

#### GIVE A DAY, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., Main Entrance

The Department of Conservation and Recreation invites you to Great Falls Discovery Center to lend a hand during this day of volunteer service to our state parks. For any special accommodations or needs you may have for the day, please call (413) 863-3221. Bring your own water and snack. Registration: Eventbrite.com and search for Great Falls Discovery Center.

FRIDAY,  
APRIL 28

#### ARBOR DAY—MONTAGUE CELEBRATES TREES!

At 10:30 a.m., our story hour features the book, *Who Lives in a Tree?*, our ongoing outdoor story walk is *We Planted a Tree*, our 1 p.m. Nice & Easy Walk features trees, and the Carnegie Library has drop-in Arbor Day scavenger hunts from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stay tuned for updates on Montague Tree Committee activities!